

CLANDESTINE SERVICE SENIOR SEMINARCRITIQUE

1. As you know, the first four days of the Seminar were designed as a sort of backdrop to the problem-tackling weeks, providing: a. a brief survey of developments since World War II and of present international conditions, with particular emphasis on those forces and trends which pose problems for U. S. national objectives and security; b. a look at ourselves and prospects for the future -- the CS in a changing world; and c. an up-to-date and candid look at "the national security process" and the CS role therein. Did you find this portion of the Seminar useful?

- a. No _____
- b. Yes, to a slight degree _____
- c. Yes, to a moderate degree _____
- d. Yes, to a good degree X
- e. Yes, to an exceptional degree _____

2. Quite apart from the CS Senior Seminar, do you think that a brief (2 or 3 day) seminar on The CS in a Changing World along the same lines as this backdrop portion would be useful and interesting to other senior CS officers?

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- b. Yes, to a slight degree X
- c. Yes, to a moderate degree _____
- d. Yes, to a good degree _____
- e. Yes, to an exceptional degree _____

3. Unfortunately, agenda changes and other factors beyond our control did not permit the timely dissemination of complete reading kits. Except for receiving reading material in piecemeal fashion, did you find the documents useful to your consideration of the problems discussed?

- a. No _____
- b. Yes, to a slight degree X
- c. Yes, to a moderate degree _____
- d. Yes, to a good degree _____
- e. Yes, to an exceptional degree _____

4. Do you have any suggestions for changes or improvements in the techniques of the Seminar, e.g., in the method of preparing the papers, the handling of outside contributions by guest speakers, etc.?

I think the task of producing "finished" papers was a waste of time. Some way to record the concerns of the Seminar - without concern by the Seminar as a whole for the wording & format - should be developed - this will permit much more imagination and originality to be expressed.

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Some guest speakers over-lapped.

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5. Do you have any suggestions for changes and improvements in the administration of the Seminar, including space and location?

I found the air-conditioning very stifling as I had to strain to hear most speakers. A more cheerful, daylight-exposed meeting room would be a big improvement.

6. Do you think the size of the group was appropriate? If not, please explain.

Good sized group.

7. Do you think that Seminar members were well selected to meet the requirements placed on the Seminar? If not, do you have any suggestions for improving the composition of any such future Seminar?

yes

CRITIQUE (cont.)

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8. Did you find the Seminar topics pertinent and challenging?

What topics would you have included as "vital, current problems of the CS?"

C.A. should be a (if not the) major topic the next time around. Also S.B. should be given major treatment.

9. Do you have any other comments on the Seminar which might be useful as a basis for improvement or modification of any future Seminar?

Too long! We could have done the same job in two weeks - if relieved of the school - boy exercise of producing polished pieces of paper,